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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A&B).

The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in a Combined Examination and Search Report dated March 8, 2004, in U.K. Patent Appln. GB 0320851.9, and in an Office Action dated August 18, 2004, in Japanese Patent Appln. 2003-204704, both of which are counterparts to the instant case. A copy of the U.K. Search Report is also enclosed and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

One of the references identified in the Japanese Office Action, EP 1 247 651, already is of record in this application, and so that reference has not been cited again.

For the Examiner's convenience, English machine translations of the cited Japanese Laid-Open patent applications are also enclosed.

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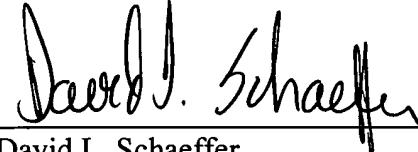
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A&B be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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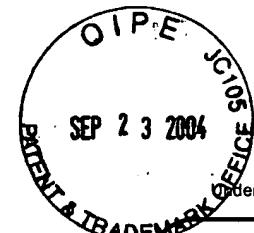
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